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Mr Ray Kennedy
Ruppert Stadium
Newark N.J.

Dear Mr Kennedy:

I have called you a few times on the phone but have been unable to contact you. I can easily understand how busy you are these days. However there is a problem I have that I am sure you can and will help me with.

I am sure Mr Manley told you, our league is going ahead with plans for 1943 like there is no war on. We will of course go along with the other members, but I feel we will be very lucky to be able to play week ends, and let the men stay in defence plants. In fact we might be better off in the long run, as our midweek schedule was always poorly arranged, and as a rule we suffered financially in mid week.

Even if we only play week ends we will be able to carry out the following plans. It seems our members are really in a frame of mind to do something worthwhile for the war effort. They want to play some games and give the money to the group selected. I was elected the director of that program, and as a result I am trying to get some information from you. I want to know what agencies the major leagues are going to give benefit games for, and who are the people to contact in charge of them. We played a game last year in Cleveland, and gave Army & Navy relief over \$8000.00. I believe this year we will be able to arrange four or five Sundays, and really should raise a worthwhile amount.

I would greatly appreciate any early reply, as we are meeting again the last of March, and I would like to have the program outlined at that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very Truly Yours